

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/602,011

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on ____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* Certified copies not received: ____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. ____.
b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed ____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. ____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1 ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2 ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3 ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No. ____
4 ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 5 ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6 ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. ____
7 ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8 ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9 ☐ Other

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

15. The method of claim ~~[[7]]~~ 13, further comprising an aiming device mounting assembly connected to or integral with a barrel side of the feed tube, the hopper or the adapter and a pointing device mounting assembly connected to ore integral with a non-barrel side of the feed tube, adapter or the hopper.

16. The method of claim ~~[[9]]~~ 15, wherein the aiming device is a scope and the pointing device is a laser pointer.

17. The method of claim ~~[[7]]~~ 13, wherein the mounting assemblies comprise a receiver and two perpendicularly oriented swivels with locking devices so that the receiver can be rotated up and down and from side to side and locked into place with the locking devices.

18. The method of claim ~~[[7]]~~ 13, wherein the mounting assemblies comprise a socket, a ball having a receiver

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protruding therefrom, and a locking device, where the socket is designed to receive a ball and the locking device is designed to lock the ball at a desired orientation.

19. The method of claim 13, further comprising the step of:

firing paintballs from the paintball gun at a target added by the aiming and/or pointing device.

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The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not disclose a paint ball gun including a hopper or magazine with a feeding tube, and an aiming or pointing device mounting assembly on the magazine or feed tube.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Jzn 6,273,079 shows a paint ball gun having a magazine 2 with an unnumbered feature which may be a sighting device;

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but there does not appear to be any aiming device mounting assembly. Sullivan 5,896,850 shows a paint ball gun with an assembly 26 for mounting a sight 46, but this does not appear to be mounted to the magazine.

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